As many as 3526 bonded labourers were identified in the State of Arunachal Pradesh through a survey conducted by the State Government in 1996.

(d) The Government of India has been implementing the Scheme of Grants-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations for the rehabilitation of working children. Under the scheme Non-formal/formal education, vocational training, nutrition, stipend, health care etc. are being provided to the children withdrawn from work.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for rehabilitation of Bonded Labour, central grants had been released for all those identified bonded labourers who are available for rehabilitation. Further an amount of Rs. 8 lakhs has been released to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for conducting survey of bonded labour during 2002-2003.

Educated/uneducated unemployed youth

521. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of educated and uneducated unemployed youth as on the 30th june, 2003 in the Country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of unemployed youth in the Country is increasing year after year and the employment opportunities are decreasing consistently; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government have formulated any concrete scheme to provide employment to unemployed youth during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) State-wise, number of educated and uneducated jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in the

country as on 31st December 2001 (latest available) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) As per the survey conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation in 1999-2000, employment opportunities for the economy as a whole (organised and unorganised sectors taken together) have grown at the rate of 0.98% per annum during 1994-2000.

(c) The growth strategy of 10th Plan lays emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential.

Statement

Number of Educated and Uneducated job seekers on the live register of Employment Exchanges as on 31-12-2001.

(In thousands)

State/Union Territories (A) States	Educated (10th standard and above	Uneducated (Below 10th standard including illiterates)
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	2825.3	332.9
Arunachal Pradesh	11.7	10.4
Assam	1036.5	450.1
Bihar	1524.5	257.5
Chhattisgarh	648.3	146.1
Delhi	775.5	230.8
Goa	77.8	25.4
Gujarat	888.7	206.3
Haryana	494.3	175.3
Himachal Pradesh	668.2	227.9
Jammu & Kashmir	13.1	150.6
Jharkhand	678.3	804.7
Karnataka	1426.1	613.8

1	2	3
Kerala	3539.4	867.8
Madhya Pradesh	1452.2	362.3
Maharashtra	3434.4	988.7
Manipur	258.1	147.4
Meghalaya	24.9	13.5
Mizoram	20.3	64.3
Nagaland	21.4	16.2
Orissa	737.6	170.9
Punjab	411.6	125.1
Rajasthan	556.7	201.8
Sikkim*		
Tamilnadu	3498.8	1426.7
Tripura	131.9	194.9
Uttaranchal	249.3	77.9
Uttar Pradesh	1420.3	428.8
West Bengal	3248.0	2914.6
(B) Union Territories		
Andaman & Nicobar Island	16.1	18.4
Chandigarh	61.8	27.3
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.7	4.7
Daman & Diu	2.7	5.0
Lakshadweep	5.2	6.0
Pondicherry	132.8	9.4
TOTAL	30292.8	11703.1

*No Employment Exchange is functioning in this State.
Figures may not add up to total due to rounding off.

Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation

†522. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a note on poverty alleviation and employment generation was sent to the Director General, I.L.O. wherein detailed opinion has been sought on various aspects of expected cooperation on the part of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the areas in which expected cooperation from India is possible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir. However, a suggestion was made for setting up an International Skill Development Fund, in the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.